Imagine a time, many many years ago, when there was no unhappiness or illness or anger in the world. A time when no-one ever hurt themselves or grew too old. And because no man envied his neighbor, there were no fights or wars or killing. A time when there was plenty of everything for everyone, and no greed.

Husbands and wives never quarreled. That was why Pandora and Epimetheus were content to always be together - dancing, feasting, playing games and sleeping in the sunshine of a year-long spring.

An unkind person would have said that Pandora was spoiled. But then there was no-one unkind to say it, and Epimetheus loved to shower her with presents. Every day he brought her a new dress or some sandals or jewels or a statue for the garden. His search for presents took him farther and farther away from the house each day. Pandora was left on her own, wandering the rooms of the sunny villa.

One day, though, he came home with something large and square, wrapped in a cloth. It was a dusty old box, fastened with latches and tied round with a golden cord.

"What is it?" laughed Pandora, dancing round the box.

"It's a present for me, isn't it?""No Pandora, it isn't," said her husband firmly. "This box was given to me by the god Mercury for safe keeping. I promised him I would never open it, whatever happened. He said I would be sorry for ever if I did"..........................................................

One day Pandora, who was a very curious person, decided to open it. She took the box an put it on a table and finally she opened it. When she was opening the box a strange sound was heard, and it said “You did it, I told you not to open this box. You will be sorry! ”

When Pandora looked into the box she saw a kind of door to another world, full of dangers and monsters, but very beautiful, and she decided to come into the box.
Epimetheus saw it and ran with the intention of closing the box before Pandora went to the other world, but it was late, he hit the table, the box fell down and it was broken. Epimetheus started to cry, because he lost Pandora and the box, so Mercury’s reaction wouldn’t be good.

Tears were running down Epimetheus face and the room was flooded, but, suddenly the box flew to the sky and Mercury appeared and he said that Epimetheus should stop crying, because Pandora was safe. After that, a big light was seen around the world and in the middle of it, Epimetheus saw a body, this body was Pandora. The light put it in bed and Pandora opened her eyes and she couldn’t remember what happened.

Epimetheus and Pandora lived happily and they ate partridge together.